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Re: Application of Hiroki OGAWA and Yasuhiro HORIIKE  
 BLOOD ANALYZER AND METHOD OF SEPARATING PLASMA  
 Assignee: JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY  
 Our Ref: Q86961

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ seven (7) sheets of drawings (figs. 1-12).
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, an International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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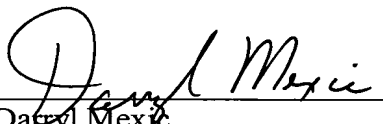
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